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- 1. NO PARTICULARLY NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED IN DANISH AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. THE LIMITED CUTS IN AID PROGRAMS, WITHIN OVERALL BUDGETARY AUSTERITY, MAY INCREASE LAGS IN PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, REDUCE ACTUAL AID LEVEL. ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN REF B, THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE OFFERED:
- 2. QUESTION II.1. WITH THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY BEGINNING TO OVERHEAT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS LIKELY TO BE IN HEAVY DEFICIT, POLITICAL PRESSURES TO REDUCE PUBLIC SPENDING ARE STRONG. PRIORITY EFFORTS ARE TO UTILIZE TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE, ALREADY LIMITED RESOURCES FOR EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION APPARATUS. WHILE FOEIGN AID HAS NOT BEEN UNDER DIRECT ATTACK, CLIMATE IS NOT SUCH TO PERMIT ANY EXCEPTION FOR AID IN OVERALL EFFORTS TO REDUCE PUBLIC SPENDING. WE WOULD EXPECT NECESSITY FOR BUDGETARY AUSTERITY TO REMAIN FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
- 3. QUESTION II.2. THE DETERIORATING PUBLIC OPINION TOWARDS FOREIGN AID QUOTED REF B APPEARS IN LARGE PART SIMPLY BOREDOM UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH SUBJECT RATHER THAN ACTUAL NEGATIVE ATTITUDE. STILL, RENEWED

PROSELYTIZING CAMPAIGN IS NOT LIKELY AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED UNTIMELY IN VIEW OF CURRENT EFFORTS TO REDUCE PUBLIC SPENDING.

4. QUESTION IV.3. ACCORDING TO PRESENT PROGRAMMING, DANISH AID TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

A) NORTH VIETNAM. GRANT AID:
15-20 MILLION KRONER
(\$2.5 - 3.5 MILLION) FOR PROCUREMENT
IN DENMARK OF SPARE PARTS FOR CEMENT
MANUFACTURING.
LOAN: 135 MILLION KRONER (\$22.5 MILLION)
FOR PRUCUREMENT IN DENMARK OF CEMENT
MANUFACTURING MACHINERY.

B) SOUTH VIETNAM.
GRANT AID: 15 MILLION KRONER (\$2.5 MILLION)
FOR BUILDING MATERIALS TO REFUGEES.
LOAD: 40 MILLION KRONER (\$6.7 MILLION) FOR
PROCUREMENT IN DENMARK OF REFRIGERATION
AND DRYING EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT FOR

POWER AND WATER SUPPLY IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

C) IN ADDITION, DENMARK OFFERS THE "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT" IN SOUTH VIETNAM AN AMOUNT OF 12 MILLION KRONER (\$2 MILLION) FOR FISHING GEAR, FERTILLIZER, FARM IMPLEMENTS AND HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.

D) THE GRANTS TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM ARE NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO MATERIALLY AFFECT THE VOLUME OF AID TO TRADITIONAL RECEIPIENTS. DEVELOPMENT LOAN DISBURSEMENTS USUALLY SHOW CONSIDERABLE LAGS AND LOANS TO THE VIETNAMS MAY BE ABOSORBED IN THE SCHEDULED LOAN PROGRAM OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. DANES HAVE INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR BILATERAL PROGRAMS IN VIETNAMS AND HAVE SHOWN NO INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIA. THEY HAVE INFORMAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM WITH OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF AID PROJECTS IN THE AREA.

5. QUESTION V.1. THE DECLINE IN EXPORT CREDITS HAS NO RELATION UNCLASSIFIED

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TO THE ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT IN DANISH EXPORTS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH FROM 1971 TO 1972 SHOWED AN INCREASE FROM APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILLION KRONER TO APPROXIMATELY 2.9 MILLION KRONER. DUNNIGAN

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